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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
TRANSPORTATION**

**JULY 2000**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**July 2000**

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet ([www.state.me.us/legis/opla](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla)).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses  
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died  
DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... House & Senate disagree; bill died  
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill  
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... Action incomplete when session ended; bill died  
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days  
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote  
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote  
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote  
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died  
INDEF PP..... Bill Indefinitely Postponed  
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted  
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft  
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title  
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law  
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law  
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve  
UNSIGNED..... Bill held by Governor  
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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LD 2605

**An Act to Eliminate the Requirement that a Person Provide a Social Security Number to Obtain or Renew a Driver's License**

**DIED IN CONCURRENCE**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRACY LAWRENCE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 2605 would have removed the requirement that the Secretary of State collect, store and verify a person's social security number upon application or renewal for a noncommercial license or a nondriver identification card number.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-996)** would have removed the requirement that nondriver identification cards contain social security numbers. The amendment also would have removed the provision that allowed the Secretary of State to suspend or revoke the driver's license of a person without a hearing for failing to provide a valid social security number. The provision was retained for commercial licenses.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-640)** was a resolve that directed the Department of Human Services to request a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services of the requirement that a social security number be collected from an applicant for a driver's license. This request was required to be submitted by September 1, 2000.

Current federal law requires states to have in place a plan for child support enforcement. As part of the plan, the social security number of an applicant for a driver's license must be collected. Any state that fails to implement a plan for child support enforcement is subject to a loss of federal funding.

**LD 2617**

**Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Review the Opportunities to Avoid the Need to Widen I-295**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NORBERT	ONTP	

LD 2617 proposed to direct the Maine Department of Transportation to conduct a comprehensive review of issues included in the potential widening of I-295 and to explore opportunities to avoid the need for widening. The department would have been required to submit its report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters and the committee was authorized to report out legislation based on the recommendations in the report to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

**LD 2625**

**An Act to Strengthen the Habitual Motor Vehicle Offender Law**

**PUBLIC 641**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAXL M	OTP	

LD 2625 proposed to change the habitual offender law by allowing an habitual offender to seek a work-restricted license only after a period of revocation has been served. Under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 2554, an habitual offender may petition for relief from habitual offender status one year